



## Today's Advertisements.

### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

WITH reference to Government Notification No. 538 of the 4th instant, published in the *Gazette* of the same date, it is hereby notified, for general information, that the date of Sale of Inland Lots Nos. 1420, 1421, 1422, and 1423 has been altered from MONDAY, the 3rd day of January, 1898, to TUESDAY, the 4th day of January, 1898, at 3 P.M.

By Command,  
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, 17th December, 1897. [1897]

### HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEMBERS are reminded that Nominations for the Hongkong Derby, 1898, CLOSE to the Undersecretary at the CLUB HOUSE, TO-MORROW, the 18th instant.

By Order  
T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Course,  
Hongkong, 17th December, 1897. [1897]

### "GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FROM LONDON AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship  
"GLENGYLE,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon TO-DAY.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 23rd instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Consignees are requested to present all Claims for damages and/or shortages not later than the 30th instant, otherwise they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 30th instant at 11 A.M.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1897. [1897]

### "GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FROM MIDDLESBOO, LONDON AND BORDEAUX.

THE Steamship  
"GLENGYLE,"

Consignees of cargo shipped by the above named steamer in August last are hereby informed that a portion of their Goods has now arrived per same steamer, and is being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained after the Agents' Bond, which is lying in the Office of the Undersecretary, has been signed.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 23rd inst. will be subject to rent.

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Hongkong, 17th December, 1897. [1897]

### CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

THE Company's Steamship  
"TSINAN,"

Captain Ramsay, will be despatched TO-MORROW, the 18th instant, at Noon.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. The First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the Supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage.

A fully qualified Surgeon is carried and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from AUSTRALIA are available for return by the Steamers of the EASTERN and AUSTRALIAN S.S. Co., and vice versa.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1897. [1897]

### NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship  
"PRINZ HEINRICH,"

Captain O. Casper, will leave for the above port TO-MORROW, the 18th instant, at 3 P.M.

The steamer will start after docking direct from the No. 1 Dock at Kowloon.

A steam-launch flying the Norddeutscher Lloyd Co. flag will leave New Peller's Wharf TO-MORROW at Noon to convey intending Passengers on board the s.s. *Prinz Heinrich*.

For further Particulars apply to MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1897. [1897]

### CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship  
"PAKHOI,"

Captain Stott, will be despatched for the above port TO-MORROW, the 18th instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1897. [1897]

### DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship  
"FORMOSA,"

Captain Hodgins, will be despatched for the above ports on SUNDAY, the 19th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAIRIE & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1897. [1897]

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CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship  
"WUHU,"

Captain Benson, will be despatched for the above ports TO-MORROW, the 18th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1897. [1897]

### OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SANDAKAN AND KUDAT.

THE Company's Steamship  
"MEMNON,"

Captain Mogridge, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 20th instant, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1897. [1897]

### Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY,

VICTORIA DISPENSARY, HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

GINGER ALE.

SARSAPARILLA.

RASPBERRYVADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are made under the constant supervision of a duly qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MEN'S and other Large Consumers.

Any complaints should be addressed to the Manager.

Hongkong, 21st March, 1897. [1896]

### NEW SINGAPORE TOWN HALL.

1. A PREMIUM of £500 is offered for the Design that may be selected for the Singapore Permanent Memorial of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee.

2. The Committee consists of—  
a. Members appointed by the Governor.  
b. Members appointed by the Municipal Commissioners.  
c. Members appointed by the Subscribers and a Chairman elected by the above.

3. The building must contain the following accommodation—  
(1.) A Town Hall suitable for Public Meetings, Balls, Concerts, &c., about 100 feet by 50 feet, upstairs, with dining or supper room below.  
(2.) Theatre to seat about 100.

4. The Design must be sent in so as to reach Singapore by 30th April, 1898, and can be forwarded direct to the undersigned or under cover to Major CAMERON, R.E., Colonial Office, Downing Street, London, S.W.

5. The Town Hall must form part of the same building as the Theatre, but the two should not communicate with each other except by the Verandahs.

6. The building to be provided with sufficient dressing, cloak, card and smoking rooms, bars, promenade, &c., and to be surrounded with a Verandah not less than 12 feet in width. The design to provide for the Verandah rails being of iron.

7. The building and accommodation for four servants to be arranged on the roof.

8. It is proposed to erect the building of grey granite or granite and brick combined.

9. Iron to be used wherever possible in place of wood.

10. No basement required but the lower floor to be raised at least 5 feet above the ground as the site is low.

11. The rainfall in Singapore is very heavy, six inches and more sometimes fall in one day. The roof and guttering should therefore be designed to allow of the rapid escape of a large quantity of water.

12. The cost of building in Singapore may be taken to be from seven to nine cents of a Straits dollar per cubic foot of whole building.

13. The cost of the building should not exceed \$50,000. The climate of Singapore is a perpetual kitchen. The average temperature being 84° Fahrenheit. It is therefore essential that the various rooms should be as open as possible to the outer air and that free ventilation from floor to ceiling should be ensured in every part of the building.

14. The site is perfectly flat and of ample size to accommodate a building of any design. A plan of the site can be obtained from the Undersecretary or from Major CAMERON.

W. EGGERTON,  
Hon. Secretary to the Permanent Memorial Committee.

Singapore,  
Straits Settlements,  
8th November, 1897. [1897]

### NOW READY!

IN HANDY PAMPHLET FORM.

A FULL CAREFULLY REVISED and accurate account of the INTERPORT CRICKET MATCHES.

With a Critique on the Work play, the Festivities connected with the Carnival and the betting and fielding of the various teams.

PRICE, 2 CENTS PER COPY.

Orders will be promptly attended to by THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH OFFICE.

No. 6, PATER'S HILL.

Hongkong, 20th November, 1897. [1897]

## Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

## WINES & SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London House, bought direct at first hand, imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all intermediate profits, and enabling us to supply the best growths at MODERATE PRICES.

PRICE LISTS, with Full Details, to be had on Application.

PORT after removal should be rested a month before use. When required for drinking at once it should be ordered to be decanted at the Dispensary before being sent out.

SHERRY.—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner Wines of very superior Vintages. All are true Xeres Wines.

CLARET.—Our Clarets, including the lowest priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine product of the juice of the grape and are not artificially made from raisins and currants, as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure Cognac, the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKY.—All our Whisky is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brands in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKY marked "E" is universally popular, and is pronounced by the best local connoisseurs to be superior to any other brand in the Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorized Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1897. [6]

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1897.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

That the prices of all commodities imported from gold using countries have greatly risen in value during the last few years is one of those hard and stern facts that have to be reluctantly admitted, and everyone has to submit to the rise in prices with a good grace, as we all know only too well that it is attributable to that very erratic coin the dollar, which is apparently of so delicate a constitution as to be constantly in a bad state of health and to suffer relapses on the slightest of provocations. This we are reluctantly compelled to admit and expect, but unfortunately the evil does not end here. Meat and other food stuffs and commodities, grown or produced locally and in a silver using country, have, from some unexplained reason, appreciated in value coincidentally with the depreciation of the dollar, and a dollar nowadays is strictly speaking, altogether apart from its gold value, worth considerably less than it was a short while back. To what this decline in the purchasing power of the dollar is due we are unable to say, but it is probably owing to one of three causes. Either the increased Crown Rents charged by the Government drive the purveyors of Chinese produce to increase their prices in ratio to the higher scale of taxation now prevalent in order to realize the same percentage of profit as hitherto; or an increase of Chinese duties and squeezes by the Mandarins on the mainland is acting as a drag on local trade; or possibly the Chinese traders themselves have seen, in the fall of the gold value of the dollar, a convenient excuse to raise the prices of their wares systematically and periodically as the dollar declines, without a corresponding reduction upon its rise. This, however, mere supposition on our part, but the fact that prices have been steadily increasing for some time past remains the same, and it is high time that steps were taken to remedy the evil. If the Governor would appoint a commission, composed entirely of well-informed and unbiased unofficials, some curious and astounding facts regarding the present state of affairs would inevitably be brought to light. The commission would be in the interests of all, including the dealers and traders whose enhanced prices would form the subject of the inquiry, as their position would be improved by the removal of taxes that were found to be harassing or unreasonable, and hence the opening of such an enquiry could not fall to be popular, and would, we are of opinion, be a graceful act with which Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON might close his period of administration of the Colony and so leave pleasant memories behind him in the hearts of all Hongkong.

As we anticipated, the Germans are not going to submit to the dictation of a Shanghai Bunders. They will not evacuate Kiaochow in spite of the Shanghai statement. It was possible enough that they might have accepted some other place in lieu of Kiaochow, but it was in our opinion absolutely impossible that they would forego their design to set foot on

the coast of China, and stay there. For once our opinion has turned out right. It is curious that the alternative spot suggested was Samsah Bay, where the British cruisers *Albatross* and *Phoenix* made a call just a month ago. As it is an unfrequented harbour their call presumably had some meaning. What the reason was we do not know. Possibly it was something which for reasons of policy we would not publish if we did know. All that we know is that they were there, and that it is an unusual place for warships to call. It is a little north of Foochow, and though by no means completely surveyed it appears to be a magnificent harbour. By the way, the British Admiralty charts of Samsah have a footnote that the natives give this name to a different bay, a few miles further north, nearly half way between Wenchow and Foochow. It really makes no practical difference what place the Germans take. As we have said, we are exceedingly glad to find the Germans taking possession of Chinese soil, wherever or however they elect to do it. As between Great Britain and her avowed enemies, Germany is most emphatically friendly to us; friendly also to them, but not to our detriment. Moreover, all Germans in the East have had experiences of the British which make them favourably disposed to us. We say it not boastfully, but simply because we are compelled to analyse the possibilities of the future, and this is one of the important factors.

A correspondent of our morning contemporary finds fault with what he calls "The pot-hunting spirit introduced into the Scottish game of golf by the English," or words to that effect. He does not know what he is talking about. Golf is believed to have been inflicted upon the world chiefly through the instrumentality of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews (Scotland) founded in 1754. We cannot lay our hands on the early proceedings of this pernicious pioneering institution, but we do happen to have some records of the Aberdeen Golf Club, which started no later than 1780, that is to say a little over a hundred years ago, and that ought to be enough. The *Golfing Annual* mentions that the Aberdeen Golf Club holds two meetings each year, Spring and Autumn. At the first, the prizes are the Leopard Cup (presented by H.R.H. the Duke of Albany in 1872), the Johnson Cup, the Silver Cross (handicap) and the Colonel Boxer Cup (handicap) for best score for last 9 holes. At the Autumn meeting the Gold medal, the CHARLES CHAMBERS Cup, the FORDYCE Gold Cross (handicap), and Col. Boxer's Cup (handicap) constitute the prizes. In addition to these, the club holds monthly competitions for the Scratch medal, and the Handicap Cup (presented by Mr. A. J. W. Storrar in October 1894). And then they say pot-hunting in golf is an English innovation! The only really typical English innovation in golf would be to play cricket instead.

THE programme of the R. A. Sports to be held on the 21st inst. is a credit to the organizers. There are no less than twenty events, the money prizes are liberal, and the prizes for the events open to civilians, the whole world and the Police, should bring forth a goodly array of competitors. Given fine weather, the sports should prove a huge success. The programme will appear in our next issue.

THE Indian trader who was charged with stealing gold valued at \$85 from a Jeweller's shop, was again brought up on remand at the Police Court to-day. Mr. E. J. Gist appeared for the defence, which was a denial of the theft. Detective Gidley gave evidence that \$350 was found in prisoner's possession when searched at the Charge Room. The magistrate sentenced him to six months' imprisonment with hard labour and also ordered that \$85 should be taken from the money found in prisoner's possession and given to the complainant.

A OOD deal of annoyance was caused to the gentlemen engaged with the Synagogue case at the Supreme Court to-day, by the noise made by persons passing through the back of the Court to the Summary Court. The Chinese sheriff along and talked as loudly as lion Queen's Road. Mr. Sells pounced on one valuable individual and with right handed smack aside the head checked the eloquence and brought the man to a halt as of his position. The need for a separate entrance and approach to each Court is very palpable but it is hardly likely an alteration will be made until a new Court-house is erected in the golden hereafter.

COMMENTING on the Hongkong quarantine regulations regarding plague-infected immigrants, the *British Medical Journal* gives the opinion that the rules observed in Great Britain during the cholera outbreak could well be adopted here. The paper says, "We hope that within the four corners of the Venetian Convention, which has been drawn up in such wide terms as to make it acceptable to so many nations and to our Indian Empire, Hongkong may find a means of achieving its object without seriously interfering with her trade and other prospects and without endangering the health of the colony in times of plague."

MESSRS. Lave, Crawford & Co. have fairly beaten the record in the matter of calendars this year, for their almanac takes the form of a young and lovely dancing girl whose skirts expand in approved serpentine form when you pull the string. On each fold of the 350-yard silk gowns vasescope costume is printed in silk lettering a diary of the passing year, month by month. But though we have experimented with the pretty plaything for half an hour of our valuable time, we are completely at a loss how to get the skirt to remain in position for any particular month; and we have our doubt whether the mechanism will last out the whole twelve months, for we may feel sure that general application at the well-known store in Queen's Road will set all this little difficulty and will give satisfaction to all comers.

EX-CONSTABLE J. R. Burgess, now in the employ of the Hongkong Hotel Co., yesterday received some very nice tokens of esteem from his late comrades in the Hongkong police. Mr. Burgess arrived here about nine years ago in the first Highlanders. After leaving the regiment, he joined the Dockyard police and subsequently he became a member of the Civil Police. Throughout his service in the force Mr. Burgess has always proved a painstaking and obliging officer and his late comrades marked their good opinion of him yesterday very emphatically. Shortly after 2 p.m. all the men off duty at the Central Station assembled in the billiard room, and Sergeant Smith on behalf of his comrades presented Mr. Burgess with a pretty silver cigarette case, with inscription, a silver spirit flask (proper picnic also), also inscribed, a gold watch, and a set of gold studs. Sergeant Smith accompanied the gifts with a few kindly words and Mr. Burgess expressed his gratitude in feeling terms.

At the annual installation meeting of the Perseverance Lodge, No. 1105, held last night, Wor. Bro. F. W. Edwards, who had been selected Worthy Master of the Lodge for the ensuing year, was duly proclaimed by the District Grand Master, Right Wor. Bro. the Hon. C. P. Chater, C.M.G., who was attended by the Grand Lodge Officers, Wor. Bro. Edwards appointed and invested his officers as follows:—S.W., Bro. D. E. Brown; J.W., Bro. Dr. F. Clark; Treasurer, Bro. A. Sells; Hon. Secretary, Bro. C. Dick McIlwaine; S.D., Bro. E. L. C. Berger; J.D., Bro. A. L. Botsford; D.C., Bro. R. C. Clegg; Steward, Bro. J. H. Gorman; Organist, Bro. C. W. Longue; I.G., Bro. G. Ward; Tyler, Bro. J. Grimble. After the Lodge was closed the brethren dined together in the banquet hall, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Sir William Robinson, G.C.M.G., was among the visitors of the Lodge.

As long as any case in the law-court is not settled, we must not comment on it; but we are burning with impatience for the case to be finished so that we may say what we think of the way the case is being conducted. There is not much fun in the Court, but we will have fun enough out of it as soon as we get the chance. Here is a little incident that occurred late yesterday of a witness.

Mr. Pollock was proceeding to cross-examine Mr. Orange as to what he meant by the term "bitch" when Mr. Francis interrupted with a remark.

Mr. Pollock—I must really object to my friend interrupting. His conduct in this case has been most reprehensible.

His Lordship (apologetically)—He has been very good to-day, Mr. Pollock.

Mr. Pollock—What he said yesterday was most scandalous; there is no other word for it—absolutely scandalous.

His Lordship—He must not interrupt; I quite agree with you.

Mr. Francis—The newspapers have been complaining that there is no fun in the Court. Mr. Pollock—My friend's idea of "fun" seems to be absolute nonsense.

His Lordship—As the French say, "the incident is closed, Mr. Pollock."

Mr. Pollock—It is all very well as it is closed. I do not think it is in the Court's hand to open the day's proceedings; and we all have not seen any joke perpetrated by Mr. Lordship, though our planning contemporary says there is no sense here.

## REUTER'S MESSAGES.

THE NORTH-WEST FRONTIER OF INDIA.

LONDON, December 15th.

The brigades composing General Lockhart's force have had the most severe fighting with the Abidis since Dargal. The casualties have been heavy, principally owing to night attacks on the rear guard and baggage trains. West. Least of the Gurkhas, killed. Capt. Norrie of the Gurkhas, Lieut. Champion of the Gurkhas and Lieut. Short, of the Scots Fusiliers, wounded.

[This bears out our Special Correspondent's statement that the Gurkhas bear the brunt of the fighting.]

## THE MASSACRE OF A FRENCH NILE EXPEDITION CONTRADICTED.

An official despatch denies the massacre of Major Marchand's expedition.

CRICKET.

In the test match at Sydney, Stoddard's eleven were all out for 551, of which Ranjitsingh made 175. The Australians were all out for 237 and following on have made 126 for one wicket.

## A GERMAN STEAMER DISABLED.

We are continuously notified by the N. Y. K. agent in Hongkong that the *Yamashiro Maru*, from Australian ports, will not arrive here until Sunday the 19th inst., as a telegram received from Manila states that she arrived at and sailed from that port yesterday, having towed in the German steamship *Marika* which had lost her propeller.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

CRIMINAL Sessions at 10 a.m. to-morrow.

THE buying rate for sovereigns is \$10.10 per £.

ENTRIES for the Hongkong Derby close to the Clerk of the Course at the Club-house house to-morrow, the 18th inst.

LATE news just to hand from Tientsin indicates that there is every likelihood of a large fleet of merchant steamers being frozen in at that port shortly. On the 10th last there was no water on the Taku bar, and fourteen vessels were moored inside. A strong northerly gale was blowing and two inches of ice had already formed on the river.

Our readers will be glad to find an eloquent speech by Mr. Granville Sharp in another part of this issue. In it the worthy old gentleman has something interesting to say about the Glory of God and his own shortcomings and other things. Some two or three years ago Mr. Sharp made a notable speech at a Dairy Farm Co. meeting. He said they were extremely obliged to God's good providence for not giving them any cattle plague like poor people had up north, and divided warrants would be issued on Monday and let six months after that meeting, the cattle plague came here and swept away every beast and ruined the Dairy Farm.

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